

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A top for a convertible vehicle, comprising
a rigid moveable roof part with an outer surface and an inner surface;
5 a cover including a flexible sheet-like element; and
a linkage disposed between the outer surface of the roof part and the
cover in a closed state of the convertible top, the linkage being moveable
relative to the roof part during an opening movement of the convertible top,
wherein the cover is moveable away from the roof part during the opening
10 movement of the convertible top so as to create a space for the linkage.
2. The convertible top as recited in claim 1, further comprising a pulling
device having a first end connected to the cover and configured to tension the
cover.
- 15 3. The convertible top as recited in claim 2, wherein the pulling device has a
second end connected to the linkage.
4. The convertible top as recited in claim 2, wherein the pulling device is
20 guided on the roof part.
5. The convertible top as recited in claim 1, wherein the cover includes a
lateral border region, at least a portion of the border region being secured to the
roof part.
- 25 6. The convertible top as recited in claim 1, wherein the cover is includes a
strip of material.
7. The convertible top as recited in claim 1, wherein the cover is disposed at
30 a lateral border region of the roof part in the closed state of the convertible top.
8. The convertible top as recited in claim 1, wherein the cover includes a
stiffening device disposed over at least a portion of a surface of the cover.

9. The convertible top as recited in claim 1, further comprising a second roof part and wherein the cover is at least partially secured to the second roof part.

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10. The convertible top as recited in claim 9, further comprising:
a third roof part;
a second cover at least partially secured on the third roof part and the second roof part; and

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a second linkage disposed between the third roof part and the second cover in the closed state of the convertible top.

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11. The convertible top as recited in claim 10, wherein, in the closed state of the convertible top, the roof part is disposed in front of the second roof part and the second roof part is disposed in front of the third roof part with respect to a travel direction of the vehicle.

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12. The convertible top as recited in claim 11, wherein during the opening of the convertible top, the roof part is moveable to a position above the second roof part and the third roof part is moveable to a position above the roof part and the second roof part.

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13. The convertible top as recited in claim 1, wherein the linkage is included in a four-bar mechanism having a connecting rod and wherein the roof part is secured on the connecting rod.

14. The convertible top as recited in claim 13, wherein the linkage includes a first link and a second link of the four-bar mechanism.